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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiro HAZE et al.

Group Art Unit: 2154

Application No.: 10/080,685

Examiner: J. CHAN

Filed: February 25, 2002

Docket No.: 111924

For: COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF
JANUARY 10, 2006 PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Vaughn in the January 10, 2006 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

During the interview, Applicants' representative asserted that Yamamoto, Hayashi and Kindo do not, alone or in permissible combination, teach or suggest a communication apparatus in which "only the one that makes the request is allowed to receive and store therein the data transmitted from the remote center," as recited in claims 1, 14 and 21.

Applicants' representative also asserted that Yamamoto, Hayashi and Kindo do not, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a communication apparatus "wherein when the master unit makes a request to the remote center for transmitting the data, the control circuit prohibits the plurality of slave units from receiving and storing therein the data transmitted from the remote center, and when one of the plurality of slave units makes the request, the

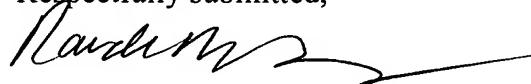
control circuit prohibits the master unit from storing the data transmitted from the remote center and prohibits other ones of the plurality of slave units from receiving and storing," as set forth in claim 8.

Examiner Chang indicated that she would further consider the claim language in light of the applied references and perform an updated search for other related art. before issuing the next Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-27 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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